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U N I V E R S I T Y

A SIN UNTO DEATH

Guy N.

*I John 5:14-21 *Take notes!*

INT:

Warning: Must listen carefully. Credit: Woods
I John 5:6 perhaps the most-feared, puzzling,
 and shunned verse in N. T. (A sin unto death
DON'T pray about it!

ALTERNATIVES BEFORE US:

1. Too deep to understand. Why? II Tim. 2:15.
2. So, evident, all should know! Do you? NO!
 Pray for a simple mind? NO!
3. It IS understandable! YES! It is in the
CONTEXT! YES!!! A lesson here for all
ages to come!

MY CONCLUSION: YOU will satisfactorily under-
 stand this passage before leave this aud.!

I. THE CONTEXT BROKEN DOWN:

- A. I John is written to CHRISTIANS. 1:4.
- B. It is written to lead us to FELLOWSHIP
 with God. 1:3.
- C. It refers to the sin of a BROTHER. v. 16.
- D. A sin unto death MEANS: GR: "A sin which
is going toward!!! death" or "a sin which
leads!!! to eternal death. Fatal sin!!!
- E. This SIN or STATE of sin is so bad that no
 prayers for it are possible. Two reasons:
 1. Sinner is incorrigible. Wants no prayer.
 2. It would waste YOURS and GOD'S, time and
 patience to pray for this sin.

CONCLUSION: It is a sin for which WE should
not pray!! Proof: God says so!!

II. SINS I BELIEVE IT IS NOT!!!

- A. Gnostic's sin of unbelief. I John 4:3.
- B. FOOT-DUSTERS: Matt. 10:14. Acts 2:38!
- C. Unpardonable: Blasphemy. Matt. 12:31-32
- D. Reprobat mind: Rom. 1:28-32. I Cor. 6:9-11

III. THE SIN I BELIEVE IT IS!!!

- A. FIRST: Note the CONTEXT of the BOOK.
 1. PV. #3 Purpose: "To draw these worldly-
 minded Christians back to the Spiritual
 mind of Christ. Phil. 2:5. I Cor. 11:1.
- B. SECOND: Note the CONTEXT of each CHAPTER.
 1. Man's basic fellowship with God.
Confess sins: V. 1:7-10. CONFESS SIN!

2. Fellowship with God possible only through Christ. v. 2:1-2.
3. Sinners are of the Devil. Christians do NOT "keep-on" sinning. 3:8-9.
4. Christians CONFESS Jesus as Divine and the Son of God. 4:2-3.
5. PRAY for the brother who REPENTS and CONFESSES his sins--and he shall be forgiven! Jas. 5:16. No question on

C.... THE PROBLEM: The context of the SUBJECT, Prayer!!! 25:14-15. STUDY OF: the power, outreach and limits of prayer!!!

D. THE TRUTH: is found in the logical syllogism:
 MAJOR PREMISE: God CAN & WILL forgive every SIN a brother CAN committ---IF---he will CONFESS it and repent.*Acts 2:38-40.
 1:9. 4:2. 4:3. If Refuses, is an anti-Christ and is lost forever. Impossible case!!!
 MINOR PREMISE: There is a sin (or state of sin) which God CANNOT & WILL NOT FORGIVE!!!

CONCLUSION: (3rd term) The sin which God cannot forgive is the sin in which a brother will not CONFESS Christ (because he will not repent. I John 5:16. Gal. 5:4.
 HE HAS FORSAKEN GOD'S GRACE:

E. CONCLUSION: The-Sin-Unto-Death is a STATE of Mind, Heart, Will & SOUL!! It is described best 5 ways:

1. Deliberately sins against God!
2. Rebelliously persists in cold blooded sin!
3. Rejoices in sin. Boasts of it.
 I Cor. 5:4. I Tim. 4:2. Seared conscience. Ill.*Gay statement. Anita Bryant article:
4. Way of Life becomes: a deliberate policy of offending God and man---in which the dread of sin, guilt, judgment and hell hold no sway in his life. Incorrigible.....!!
5. He listens to sin so long and so often that he lives in a state of LOVE FOR SIN more than love for God. Sin is his pleasure Ill. * Heb. 6:4-6. Unpardonably hurting.... Ill. * Heb. 10:23-31. Wilful neglect.....

INV: PLEASE CONSIDER THE ATTITUDE OF THE ONE WHO HAS REACHED THE SIN FOR WHICH THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS
 Does this include you?? If so, please come back today!!

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Bryant broadens goals as Miami gays lose



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VICTORIOUS ANITA BRYANT

MIAMI (AP) — A controversial law prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in housing and employment was repealed in a special Dade County election Tuesday.

With 439 of 446 precincts reporting, there were 200,058 votes for repeal of the law and 87,871 votes against repeal. A simple majority decides the issue, which has drawn international attention as the focal point of the gay rights movement.

Anita Bryant, the singer who led the fight to repeal the controversial ordinance, embraced her husband and four children and told supporters at her victory party: "The laws of God and the cultural values of man have been vindicated."

"We'll continue from here," said Jack Campbell, leader of the homosexual campaign to retain the ordinance. "We've unified the gay community and brought national attention to the issue."

Campbell spoke at the Fontainebleau Hotel on Miami Beach, where more than 100 persons had gathered for a gay rights election night party.

Miss Bryant said she would carry the campaign against similar ordinances to communities across the nation.

She said target areas would be San Antonio, Tex., Washington, Minneapolis, and the state of California.

"All America and all the world will hear what the people have said, and with God's continued help we will prevail in our fight

to repeal similar laws throughout the nation which attempt to legitimize a lifestyle that is both perverse and dangerous to the sanctity of the family, dangerous to our children, dangerous to our freedom of religion and freedom of choice, dangerous to our survival as 'one nation, under God,'" Miss Bryant said.

Ruth Shack, the Dade County commissioner who introduced the ordinance, told the gay's gathering that "Dade County has been a loving community before and I hope it will be a loving community tomorrow."

But she added that she was "worried about emotional violence and physical violence."

"When you walk out of here tonight, you go out of here with your heads high and your shoulders back and you be proud you're gay and don't let anyone put you down," former Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich told the emotional gathering.

Those in the crowd then raised their arms in the air and sang the civil rights hymn "We Shall Overcome."

Similar laws are on the books in about 40 other communities around the nation and in several other countries, but the Dade County law became the battleground of gay rights.

The issue took on national scope in January when singer Anita Bryant showed up at a county commission meeting to speak out against passage of the proposal.

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